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An act to incorporate the Deptford Fire Company of the City of Baltimore. Passed Jan 24 1843.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, ^{Preamble.} that the members of the Deptford Fire Company of the City of Baltimore, have provided themselves with a complete and efficient apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and have adopted a constitution for the government of said company, and in order to give effect to the laws, rules and regulations, which have been, or may be established by the said company, it has been prayed that an act of incorporation may pass in their favor:—therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* ^{incorporated.} That John Dutton, the President of said company, D. S. Monsarrat, and Caleb Merritt, the Vice-Presidents of said company, and John W. Williams, Oliver Ausdown, Thomas F. Frazier and Robert Read, members of said company, and such other persons, as are now, or may hereafter become members of the same, shall be, and are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic thereafter, by the name and style of the Deptford Fire Company, and by that name they shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments, and the same to grant, devise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the company; ^{Proviso.} *provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the said company and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice whatsoever; and also to have, make and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure; and also to assemble and meet at such time and places as they may agree upon, and to ordain, establish and put in execution such bye-laws, ordinances and regulations as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of said company, and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, or of the mayor and city council of Baltimore; and generally ^{Corporate powers.}